

honor the historic contributions that women have made our great Nation. We remember those who have fought for progress in women's rights and recognize those who continue to fight to expand opportunities for women.

Recently, I, along with other Members of Congress, welcomed Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf to the U.S. Capitol where she addressed a Joint Session of Congress. It was a moving experience to hear the first woman elected president of an African country. President Johnson-Sirleaf's historic achievement is an inspiration and she embodies the theme of this year's Women's History Month—"Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams."

During the past year, we lost several remarkable women whose courage and vision transformed our Nation. Coretta Scott King was not only the keeper of the flame, but a woman who worked for change so that all Americans would have the opportunity to experience true freedom and justice. Rosa Parks' courage and determination launched the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and sparked the civil rights movement. Betty Friedan, one of the founders of the modern women's rights movement, agitated and struggled, never ceasing the fight, for women's rights.

In spite of the efforts of these and other brave women, much work still needs to be done to fulfill the legacy of these women. We must redouble our efforts to create a Nation where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed. We must pursue new policies that promote economic prosperity, affordable healthcare, and strong public schools.

America can do better. This March, as we recognize and celebrate the contributions of our great American heroines, we must rededicate ourselves to making the future for all of America's girls and women full of hope and opportunity.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ROBERT WAXMAN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a great patriot as well as a great friend, Robert "Bob" E. Waxman. On March 1st, 2006, Bob retired as the Deputy for Aircraft Division operations for the Avionics Competency of the Navy Air Navigation Electronics Project (NANEP).

Bob has had a long and distinguished career in service to our nation. He graduated from Forest Park High School in 1942, and worked for the Army Air Corps from 1943–1946, where he trained as a Navigator in B–17's and B–29's. Bob next attended the University of Maryland, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1950.

In 1951, Bob began working for the Electrical Test Division's Radio Communication Branch of the NANEP at Patuxent River. Two years later, he was promoted to the Supervisory Electrical Engineer for the organization. In 1958, Bob was promoted to the Technical Director of the NANEP, a leadership position he would hold for almost 48 years. One of Bob's major accomplishments as the Tech-

nical Director occurred when he oversaw NANEP's move to Webster Field in 1960. During the 1960s Bob earned his Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering Management from George Washington University. In 1994, Bob successfully led the transition of the Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Activity into NAV AIR, the Naval Air Systems Command.

Bob Waxman has guided Webster Field through an unprecedented period of growth and success. When he began his service, Webster Field had 57 employees and a \$320,000 budget. Under Bob's leadership, Webster Field reached a peak of more than 2,800 employees and a budget of more than \$368 million. Bob also achieved another milestone: Webster Field was supposed to have been closed on five separate occasions. On each of these occasions, however, Bob succeeded in saving the organization. These acts alone make him a great leader and a hero to many.

Throughout the past 25 years, Bob's achievements have been recognized time and again with myriad awards and honors. In 2002, Bob was honored as the first employee at Patuxent River to receive a 55-year Length of Service Certificate. Bob is the recipient of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Distinguished Civilian Service Award, and a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation. In 2001, the Air 4.5 Avionics Robert E. Waxman Leadership Award was established in Bob's name. Finally, Bob's expertise and leadership skills were recognized by his peers when Bob was elected President of the Society of Engineers and Scientists.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his dynamic career, Bob Waxman has been a positive influence on many lives. On behalf of the thousands of individuals that Bob has helped over the years, I would like to congratulate and thank Bob Waxman for his extraordinary contributions to not only our community, but to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, last week I received an official leave of absence due to the death of my father-in-law, George Jaramillo. Had I been here, I would have voted in the following manner.

For the votes on H.R. 4167, the Food Labeling Act, I would have voted:

"Aye" on the Cardoza Amendment; "No" on the Waxman Amendment; "No" on the Capps/Eshoo/Stupak/Waxman Amendment; "No" on the Wasserman-Schultz Amendment; "No" on the Stupak Motion to Recommit; and "Aye" on Final Passage of the HR 4167.

For the votes on H.R. 2829—Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2005, I would have voted:

"No" on the Previous Question on the Rule; "Aye" on the Chabot/Boswell/Calvert/Cannon/Larsen Amendment; "Aye" on Hooley Amendment; "No" on the Paul Amendment; "Aye" Rehberg/Boozman/King (IA)/Capito/Souder/Graves Amendment; and "Aye" on Final Passage.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD

HON. CHARLES A GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125 years that the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) has enriched the city of San Antonio and South Texas. Incarnate Word has grown from humble beginnings to become one of our city's leading schools and Texas' largest Catholic university.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, Americans began the arduous task of rebuilding our war-scarred nation, particularly the South. In the late 1860's, after a cholera epidemic had struck, Bishop Claude M. Dubuis sent a letter to France urging the first Sisters to come to Texas and minister to the sick in the area.

Bishop Dubuis found three young Sisters willing to accept this challenge. Sisters Madeleine Chollet, Pierre Cinquin, and Agnes Buisson journeyed from Lyons, France to Texas and founded the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Immediately, they established the Santa Rosa Infirmary, the first civilian hospital in Texas.

They soon expanded their mission to care for orphaned children and this led to the establishment of the first homes for children in San Antonio, St. Joseph's Orphanage for Girls and St. John's Orphanage for Boys. Naturally, the Sisters were concerned in the long-term well-being of the children in their care, so they opened schools to educate these orphans in San Antonio and eventually other cities in Texas. In 1881, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word applied for and were granted a state charter to operate hospitals and schools.

Their dedication to providing education to the youth of the area led to the formation of a boarding and day school for young women. The Sisters added college courses to the curriculum in 1909. In 1925, the College and Academy of the Incarnate Word received accreditation by what is now the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1929, the School of Nursing Education was established to continue the Sisters' original mission of healthcare. More recently, in 2004, the Feik School of Pharmacy was founded to address the serious shortage of pharmacists in Texas and elsewhere. I know that San Antonio can depend on UIW to be faithful to their original purpose by producing first-rate nurses and pharmacists.

Moreover, UIW reflects the diversity of our nation and our world. Students from all over the world come to attend UIW, which creates an atmosphere of tolerance and cooperation that we will need as our world continues to shrink. Boundaries and oceans that once separated us no longer do and recognizing that events on the other side of the planet can and will have profound influences on our lives is necessary. UIW provides a campus where American students can learn about and from the perspectives that international students have.

UIW now has a student body of 5200 from 47 countries and offers more than 70 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. I

expect that UIW will continue to evolve yet remain committed to the calling of serving others. I am pleased to honor UIW on its 125th anniversary.

**HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 95
OF NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 95 of North Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to build character, foster citizenship, and develop fitness. These three aims are the bedrock of the American Scouting movement and the foundation of 50 years of scouting experience for Troop 95.

Troop 95 is a tremendous group of young men that have and continue to practice the policy of "boy-led and boy-run" in the development of teamwork, leadership skills and personal responsibility. They develop the rules and standards to meet and work together to accomplish their many goals and objectives.

The Troop is also a safe haven for young men. It seeks to create a place where everyone feels physically and emotionally secure. The scouts of Troop 95 live the Scout Oath and Law each moment of each day, to the best of their individual and combined abilities.

The Troop has also created an extremely high standard of tolerance and acceptance. Scouts communicate openly with each other and demonstrate camaraderie and friendship at all times. Troop 95 has also created an environment based on learning and fun. Scouts seek the best from each participant, and go the extra mile to help each person achieve personal success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Scouts, their outstanding leaders, and scout parents of Troop 95, past and present, for the terrific contributions they have made in their community and for the positive development of the moral, physical, and emotional well-being of the young men who have participated in the Troop over the past 50 years.

**IN RECOGNITION OF NOW-NYC'S
26th ANNUAL SUSAN B. ANTHONY
AWARDS**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of NOW-NYC and the recipients of the 2006 Susan B. Anthony Awards and the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award. Whether it's fighting against the appointment of Judge Alito, demanding an increase in the availability of Emergency Contraception or working to end the statute of limitations for rape in New York State, the members of NOW-NYC have been leaders in standing up for women's rights.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award is presented to a woman of outstanding achievement who has made important contributions toward creating a more equal society and has served as a role model for other women. The Susan B. Anthony Awards honor women who have accomplished something remarkable. Each of this year's recipients has, in her own way, spoken up, spoken out, gotten involved and made a difference. They are our role models and heroines.

Councilwoman Gale Brewer, recipient of this year's Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award, is an outstanding member of the New York City Council, representing Manhattan's Upper West Side. She is a strong ally, a good friend and a champion of women's rights and human rights. Brewer has been instrumental in passing numerous laws, the most recently being the Human Rights Bill, which protects domestic partnerships from discrimination and retaliation in the workplace. In 2000, the Daily News hailed her as "One of 50 New Yorkers to Watch."

When the crime rate in their North Brooklyn neighborhood began to rise, Oraia Reid and Consuelo Ruybal started helping women take back the night by offering them a safe way home. In 2004 they founded RightRides, a not-for-profit organization that offers free late-night rides home to women in several Brooklyn neighborhoods and parts of the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Their creative response to improving women's safety so impressed Mayor Michael Bloomberg, that December 12, 2005 was named "RightRides For Women's Safety Day."

Nancy Lublin has proved that one person really can change the world. Recognizing that what you wear can make the difference between getting the job and getting shown the door, she created Dress for Success, which provides business attire for low income women who are seeking jobs. For many women, that would have been enough. But Nancy saw another need—the need to encourage kids to get involved in their communities and to recognize their achievements when they do. So she agreed to become CEO of Do Something, an organization founded in 1993 by Andrew Shue (of Melrose Place) and Michael Sanchez, childhood friends who wanted to make community service as cool as sports. Do Something has distributed over 1 million dollars through its Brick Awards to young people who are making a difference in their communities. In 1998, CNN dubbed the BRICK Awards "the Oscars for young people in service".

Former NOW-NYC President and current Chair of the Board, Jane Manning has taken her activism to the courts as well as to the streets. A graduate of Yale College and NYU Law School, Jane served as Assistant District Attorney for six years and currently defends women's rights as a human rights attorney for the non-profit organization Equality Now. A dedicated advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and trafficking, Jane launched NOW-NYC's campaign to repeal New York's statute of limitations on rape cases and works closely with human rights groups to bring an end to the human rights epidemic of trafficking in women. Recently she represented a coalition of feminist organizations before New York State's highest court, arguing as amici curiae to reverse an appellate court decision that would have made the

defense of extreme emotional disturbance almost universally available to men who kill their wives or girlfriends. In a unanimous decision, the court reversed the lower court's decision and ruled in favor of the feminist groups.

Finally, I want to congratulate Kathleen Ham, a symbol of courage to rape victims around the country. She is one of the reasons I fought so hard to pass the Debbie Smith Act. In June of 1973, Kathleen Ham was brutally attacked and raped in her New York apartment. Although the suspect was immediately apprehended while fleeing the scene, the trial resulted in a hung jury. In 2005, DNA technology linked the man charged in her rape definitively not only to her rape but also to at least 23 other rapes in Maryland and New Jersey over the past 32 years. Knowing that this serial rapist must be put behind bars, Ms. Ham courageously decided to take the stand once again, and to go public with her identity and story. When she came forward, nine other women also came forward to say that this man had raped them. Their stories are being used to illustrate the absurdity of New York's five year statute of limitations for rape.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the 2006 Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Award winners.

**DEERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND VETERANS**

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, children are never too young to understand patriotism, and be thankful for it. A group of students at Deerwood Elementary School in Kingwood, Texas, showed us that even young minds can appreciate and revere those who have fought for our great nation.

The students at Deerwood paid tribute to our veterans by making cards in honor of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week. The cards thanked the veterans for keeping us safe, fighting for our freedom and other actions inherent to the United States Armed Forces.

My staff handed out the cards during a visit to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. Upon receiving a card, many of the veterans smiled, for the first time in a long time. One veteran even said it was the first card he'd gotten in ages.

As Americans, we can learn a lot from the students at Deerwood Elementary. We, too, should always find a way to thank our brave men and women in uniform.

The exceptional actions of these students are a fitting tribute to the dedicated hard-working staff of Deerwood. It is obvious to me, that the teachers are doing a great job shaping the minds of these young Americans.

Deerwood students are proof that the outlook for our future generation is bright. If they already appreciate those who fight on the frontlines for our freedom, there is great hope for the future of this nation.

I would like to commend the students, the principal Carol Suell, and teachers at Deerwood Elementary School for a job well done.